

# IMPORTANT DATES

## PARENT MEETING

Parent Meeting will be held at St. Dominic Church from 7:00pm to 8:00pm on:

Thursday October 16, 2025  
for St. Nicholas, St. Dominic School and students from other schools

## REGISTRATION & COMMITMENT MASS

Registration forms can be found online at:  
[www.saintdominic.ca/sacraments](http://www.saintdominic.ca/sacraments)

Commitment Mass: November 15 & 16, 2025  
(Compulsory) 5:00pm | 9:00am | 11:00am

Registration Deadline: January 12, 2026  
Please respect the registration deadline. For any questions and concerns, please contact the Parish Office.

## PARISH PREPARATION DATES

Your child will receive their preparation by their teacher if they are enrolled in an HCDSB school. 2 opportunities are provided by the Parish on:

Wednesday January 28, 2026 | 7:00pm

Wednesday February 25, 2026 | 7:00pm

## SERVICE PROJECTS

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are for the good of the community in Christian Service, therefore, the Candidate is asked to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation by completing a service projects of totaling up to 20 hours. For more information please visit the Parish website.

## CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

- May 12 and 13 2026

Please note the dates may be subject to change based on the number of registered Confirmandi

# WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

11:00am

\*Children's Liturgy offered at this mass



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# SACRAMENT OF *Confirmation*



SAINT DOMINIC PARISH  
OAKVILLE

2025-2026

# MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

A warm welcome to Saint Dominic Parish! The children in grade 7 and the older ones, who missed it, are invited to enter into a special and loving relationship with Jesus, our risen Lord, through the celebration of Confirmation. Parents and our parish community, together with the school community, work together to prepare children to understand that they are members of God's family and beautiful in His sight.

Your child will come into full communion with the Church as they will have received all the Sacraments of Initiation. In Baptism, your child became a son or daughter of God and a member of the Church. In Confirmation, your child will be sealed and strengthened with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. These gifts are exactly what we need to live life to its fullest. In the Eucharist, your child received (and continues to receive) Jesus himself - body, blood, soul, and divinity.

The Sacraments of Initiation are more than spiritual milestones. They are the beginning of a lifelong relationship with Christ and his Church. They are a call to continuing conversion - lifelong growth in our faith as we live as disciples of Jesus.

As parents, please know that the most important part of your child's preparation is your faithful worship together at Holy Mass each Sunday. I am delighted to accompany you and your child in their sacramental preparation for Confirmation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone at 905-827-2373 or by email at [rdsa@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:rdsa@hamiltondiocese.com)

*"It is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."*

- 2 Corinthians 11:20-21



## INSPIRING CHILDREN TO LIVE AND SHARE THE FAITH

### 1 NUTURE THEIR NATURAL JOY

Get to know what excites your children, and be excited with them. Another aspect of nurturing joy is guiding them away from negative thinking habits.

### 2 HELP THEM DREAM

Children are rarely asked who God is calling them to be. Encourage them to think about God's plan for their lives.

### 3 HELP THEM ARTICULATE THEIR FAITH

Stay in touch with your child's teacher or catechist so you know what your child is learning, and discover how you can support his or her continued learning. Engage with your child in conversation about their preparation for their special day.

### 4 HELP THEM APPLY WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED

Children are concrete thinkers, and they need guidance from adults to find ways that the lessons they learn connect with their lives. Give them examples of ways they can live what they have learned in all settings - in family, school, parish and their community.

### 5 BE THE EXAMPLE

Parents and sponsors are the example for each confirmandi. Teach them to focus on preparing their hearts, minds, and souls. Families are the *domestic Church*; the church of the home - the first place Christian community is formed and expressed.

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Who may receive Confirmation?

Any baptized Catholic, having received their First Communion, who freely accepts the Catholic faith and commit to practicing it at all times.

### What is required of a full registration?

1. Completed Registration Form
2. A copy of your child's Catholic Baptismal Certificate (*Even if baptized at St. Dominic Parish*)
3. Attendance to the Commitment Mass (a form to be submitted at the scheduled mass dates)
4. Attendance at all Parish preparation related events (*meetings, preparations, retreats, etc.*)

### What is expected of parents?

Parents are expected to worship with their child at Mass each Sunday. Also, please make an effort to spend some time weekly with your child to go through their study materials. Parents are the first and the best educators in faith.

### My child is not enrolled in an HCDSB School?

Please contact Michael at the Parish Office to arrange Sacramental Preparation for your child.

“BE WHO GOD CALLED  
YOU TO BE &  
YOU WILL SET  
THE WORLD ON  
FIRE”

- ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA